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**To:** Allan-Darleen Cors; Allan-Darleen Cors; Arnold Goldschlager; Hilary Goldschlager; Joe R. Gregory; David A. Keene; 'Jim-Kim Liberatore'; Kim Liberatore  
**Cc:** Vicki Whitmire; Nick Perrine; 'Dewitt, Christopher'  
**Subject:** Russia: money and gifts

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**From:** Maria Butina [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 5:53 PM  
**To:** Keene Donna Wiesner  
**Subject:** Re: money and gifts

My dear American Mother,

You are smart as usual in your questions. About money:

1. As I found out because of sanctions not all American credit cards work in Russia. So I would recommend to take cash.
2. I do not recommend to do currency exchange at the airports. Too bad rate.
3. For many years already in Russia it is forbidden to pay or tip in foreign currency. It is a crime. Only rubles.
4. I would recommend you exchange money in the USA in advance.
5. Remember - we cover all your expenses here. You will need money for souvenirs and gifts only. Breakfast is included in your rooms. All lunches and dinners we pay for and will be with you. Of course you will ask us about current prices. Souvenirs are always expensive BUT because of Russian weak currency compare to dollar prices are cheap. I would take as maximum (!!!) 2 000 \$ and exchange them into rubbles. I would also recommend to exchange 1 000\$ in the USA and take the rest in dollars - if you need more rubbles you can always exchange them in your hotel. They surprisingly have a good rate.

About gifts:

We are very close in our final schedule but not yet. At least you can for sure think that:

- a. you have a meeting with Torshin and his wife
- b. you have a meeting with a guy from Putin's Administration
- c. you are invited to the special lunch that will be at HOME of one of Russian PR oligarchs and Torsion's friend. He also has a wife and 2 children. I am not sure that they will join our lunch but I would suppose yes.
- d. you have a special girl's party. We expect over 15 girls of The Right to Bear Arms.
- e. you will have a meeting with The Right To Bear Arms board and the most active members (over 50 people) in Stalin's Bunker
- f. Cors, Keene and Liberator will have separate interview from top Russian gun magazines - they will meet all owners and editors of the magazines (over 5 people)

BUT this is surely not all your meetings. I will know more this week and you will have a bio of each person you are going to meet.

Sincerely,

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